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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ON 4TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, SEPT 12, 1978

1. IN SUGGESTING PROPOSED TEXT FOR PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE TO MENGISTU, WE WISH TO MAKE FOUR BASIC
POINTS IN ORDER TO USE THE RARE OCCASION OF GETTING
DIRECTLY TO MENGISTU TO IMPROVE US-ETHIOPIAN RELA-
TIONS. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT HE WILL SEE THE
ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE, EVEN THOUGH IT PROBABLY WILL
NOT BE CARRIED IN THE ETHIOPIAN MEDIA. POINTS WE
WISH TO INCLUDE ARE: (A) MESSAGE SHOULD HAVE A
PERSONAL TOUCH FOR MENGISTU FROM THE PRESIDENT
(PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT GIVEN THE AFRICAN EMPHASIS
ON PERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CHIEFS OF STATE);
(B) MESSAGE SHOULD GO BEYOND THE COMPLETELY ANODYNE
IF IT IS TO HAVE ANY IMPACT AT ALL; (C) MESSAGE
SHOULD SPECIFICALLY NOTE THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION,
SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF WHICH ARE WIDELY ACCEPTED
IN ETHIOPIA AND WILL NOT BE REVERSED REGARDLESS
OF WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PRESNET LEADERSHIP; AND
(D) BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO STRESS CERTAIN COMMON
TRAITS BETWEEN THE US AND ETHIOPIA WHICH PROVIDE A
BASIS (IF THE ETHIOPIANS CHOOSE TO LEAN TOWARDS THE
US) FOR BETTER US-ETHIOPIAN COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE.
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2. PROPOSED TEXT FOLLOWS:

HIS EXCELLENCY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM
CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND OF THE COUNCIL

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OF MINISTERS
PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SOCIAL-
IST ETHIOPIA

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I HAVE
THE PLEASURE OF SENDING TO YOU PERSONALLY AND
TO THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA CONGRATULATIONS ON
THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION.
AS A COUNTRY ITSELF BORN OF A LONG REVOLUTIONARY
STRUGGLE AND INHABITED BY DIVERSE PEOPLES WHOSE
ORIGINS, IN THE CASE OF MY COUNTRY, CAN BE TRACED
BACK TO AFRICA, ASIA, THE AMERICAS, AND EUROPE,
THE UNITED STATES AND ETHIOPIA HAVE MANY EX-
PERIENCES IN COMMON. IT IS MY EARNEST WISH
THAT OUR COMMON GOALS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO-
GETHER IN A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AND THAT OUR
JOINT EFFORTS WILL PROMOTE PEACE AND THE
BETTERMENT OF THE LIVES OF ALL OUR PEOPLES.

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JIMMY CARTER

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3. REQUEST AUTHORIZED TEXT BE PROVIDED TO US FOR DE-
LIVERY VIA THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NLT SATURDAY, SEPT 9.
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